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THIS WEEK			26 YEAR RECORD		
Date	Max.	Min.	Max. (yr.)	Min. (yr.)	
February 10	45	37	65 (1960)	8 (1948)	
February 11	53	38	67 (1960)	3 (1962)	
February 12	62*	41	66 (1951)	9 (1956)	
February 13	58	32	68 (1951)	12 (1952)	
February 14	38	26	68 (1938)	11 (1955)	
February 15	40	18	74 (1949)	5 (1943)	
February 16	46	27	75 (1954)	6 (1943)	

*record — Total precip. 0.46 inches — Total Snowfall 2.0 inches

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AT MILLINGTON

Three Seek Council Post



MR. LEAGER



MRS. ROBINSON



MR. SIMPLER

Three candidates have filed for the impending town council vacancy at Millington and 57 new voters were placed on the books last Saturday.

Candidates who will be on the ballot for the March 13 election are: Julian E. Leager, a farm equipment dealer;

Betty Ruth Robinson (Mrs. Gilbert N.), a housewife and former school teacher; and

L. Dudley Simpler, the incumbent, an electrician and plumber.

The number of eligible voters in the upper county town is now approximately 180, according to Mrs. William Reynolds, the town clerk.

Last Saturday was the only registration day prior to this year's election. Voting on March 13 will be in the Community Fire House and the polls will be open from noon until 8 p.m.

Give 'Go' Word on Court House

A "go ahead" was given the architect for the enlargement and remodeling of the Kent County Court House yesterday.

The executive committee of the Kent County Building Committee, exercising its granted powers, at a meeting Tuesday, directed that detailed plans and specifications be prepared and made ready.

Meeting with the committee was John Walton, of Walton and Madden, Riverdale, Md., who said it likely would take two months to get the plans in shape.

The main committee had previously selected the design known as "Plan Two," which calls for the front of the building to face Cross Street.

The original plan also called for the removal of the county jail. This phase will not be undertaken at the present time.

Members of the executive committee present yesterday were James D. Davis, III, the chairman; Judge George B. Rasin, Jr.; Edgar D. Lusby and Joseph W. Strong. Absent because of legislative duties were Senator Percy M. Hepbron and Delegate Elroy G. Boyer.

Chamber Takes No Action On Charter

The Chestertown Chamber of Commerce "touched" on the new town charter at its meeting last Thursday but took no official stand.

One of the reasons for lack of any action by the Chamber was that only two of the 20 members in attendance at the luncheon meeting were property owners and residents of Chestertown.

AT COLLEGE —

Washington's Birthday To Be Observed

The most extensive Washington's Birthday celebration ever undertaken by Washington College in honoring its patron is scheduled this week-end starting Friday with an Honors Dinner and concluding Sunday afternoon as Loyola visits Russell Gym for a traditional cage game with the Shoremen.

The Saturday afternoon convocation, featuring Fred M. Hechinger, education editor of the New York Times, as the speaker will highlight the three-day program. But several social functions, including a formal ball, will draw much attention.

Mr. Hechinger, a Phi Beta Kappa from City College of New York, attended graduate school at the University of London. He served as education editor and foreign correspondent for several newspapers before taking over his present post with The Times.

Following his address, he will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. The convocation program is scheduled for 2 p. m. in Russell Gym.

The Honors Dinner, which opens the observance, is for students who have attained the Dean's List.

Saturday will also be Parents' Day on the local campus with a schedule of events integrated with the Birthday program.

Three exhibits will remain open during the week-end. Holston Hall Lounge will feature a student art exhibit along with a coin and medal collection. Faculty publications will be exhibited in Bunting Library.

The new Alumni House will be open throughout the day, Saturday. A "coffee hour" will be continuous and there will be refreshments from 5 to 9 in the evening.

The Birthday Ball, starting at nine p. m. in Hodson Hall, will be the high spot for many. A "black tie" affair, it will attract many alumni and friends of the college as well as the students and faculty. Two orchestras have been engaged to furnish music for continuous dancing.

College Land Leaseholders Elect Demain

Henry Demain last Thursday was chosen chairman of the newly formed "Washington College Leaseholders Association" at a meeting in the Court House attended by more than 100 people.

The association resulted from an offer by the College to sell land now under leases dating back to the late 80's before they expire about 1982.

Elected to serve with Mr. Demain on a governing committee were: A. W. Steiner as treasurer, and Mrs. Chester Starr as secretary, along with Herbert F. Ward, J. Townsend Anthony, Jr., Mrs. Charles Startt and Dr. Verne K. Hoy. Ernest S. Cookery is attorney for the group.

The committee was directed to confer with College representatives toward a better understanding of the proposed sale offer and to seek better terms for the purchasers.

Many facets were discussed at Thursday's meeting, including assessed values of lands concerned.

The group voted \$2 annual dues and some 56 owners of leasehold property have paid this amount.

Kent TB Group Is Offering Nursing Scholarship Again

The Kent County Tuberculosis Association is again offering a \$200 per year nursing scholarship to an interested and eligible high school graduate. The scholarship is available as a gift on a three year basis.

Anyone who wishes to apply for the scholarship may contact Mrs. Pauline C. Coleman at the Kent County Health Department. Applications may also be obtained from the guidance counselor in each school.

Kent 'Green Bag' Has No Changes

ANNAPOLIS—With today, Wednesday, the deadline for local level recommendations for the Governor's "green bag", it was reliably reported here that there would be no major changes in the Kent list of appointments.

An effort during the week to

have a name other than that of A. W. Porter submitted for Associate Trial Magistrate apparently died aborning since recommendations of the Kent Democratic State Central Committee which Senator Percy M. Hepbron will deliver to Governor Tawes today is said to carry

the name of Mr. Porter, along with the rest for reappointment.

It is said the list will include the names of Henry Rasin (Republican) and Robert M. Logan (Democrat) as substitute members of the Board of Election Supervisors.

Only three bills have been signed into law by Governor Tawes at this session of the General Assembly and the third of these, signed Tuesday, benefited the Law Library Fund of Kent County.

Introduced by Delegates Boyer and Joiner as an emergency measure, the bill becomes effective immediately. It increases the minimum amount the county must supply for the law library from \$600 to \$1,000. To make this money easier to find, the bill also provides that one-half the fines collected from liquor law violations will accrue to the library fund.

Passed by the House of Delegates this week also were two other Boyer-Joiner measures. One increases the daily pay of jurors from \$7.50 to \$10. The other raises the pay of the Trial Magistrate from \$3,000 to \$4,000 and adds \$500 for expenses. It also increases the stipend of the Associate Magistrate from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Senator Percy M. Hepbron authored a measure which went in the legislative mill Tuesday to place clamming in the bay under the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs and to set the hour for starting at sunrise.

Delegate Boyer has had under consideration a measure which would give hunters in Kent the right to kill two deer a season instead of one. A conference with George Shields, director of the Game and Inland Fish Department, revealed a possibility that the bag limit increase could be taken care of by Department regulations. If this proves true, the legislation will not be needed.

Mr. Boyer is discussing the possibilities of legislation to give Trial Magistrates jurisdiction over civil cases up to \$759 instead of \$400, the present limit.

Roe Elected President Of Two-County Alumni Group

MR. MOORE



MR. LARRIMORE MISS SIMPERS MR. ROE

William M. D. Roe, class of 1943, a Sudlersville banker, was named president of the reactivated Kent and Queen Anne's Chapter of the Washington College Alumni Association last Thursday. Some 60 alumni from the two-county area attended a meeting in Alumni House and heard a talk on the College's historic background by Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein, a fellow alumnus.

Chosen as vice president was Roland T. "Bucky" Larrimore, '62, a Chestertown insurance man. Miss Helen V. Simpser, '25, a retired teacher, was named secretary, and Robert A. Moore, '59, a member of a Kennedyville insurance firm, was elected treasurer.

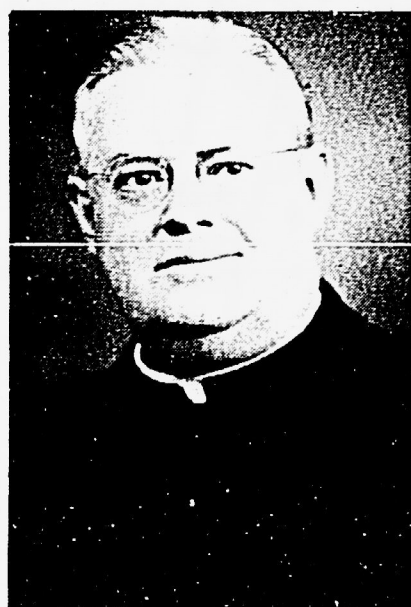
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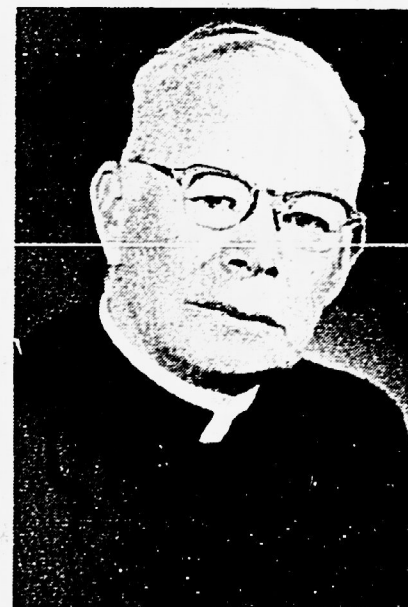
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Former Pastors Here

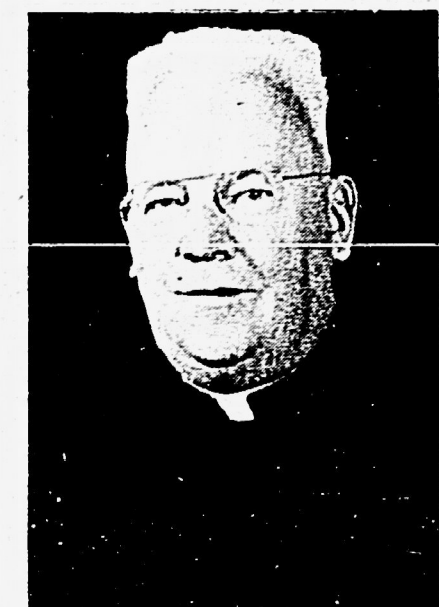
Three Priests Honored



MSGR. DWYER



MSGR. CONWAY



MSGR. MCGEE

Three former priests of Sacred Heart Parish were honored last week by Pope Paul VI. One, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dwyer, was named primate apostolic.

Two others, Charles J. Conway and John J. McGee, were named to the rank of Monsignor.

Monsignor Dwyer, vicar general of the Wilmington Diocese and pastor of Wilmington's Christ Our King Church, will, by virtue of his new title, with the permission of Bishop Hyle, officiate in the place of the bishop, wear a bishop's mitre, ring and cross, and offer Pontifical Masses on specific occasions.

Msgr. Dwyer was in Chestertown from 1946 to 1952. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. McGee, now pastor of Corpus Christi, Elsmere, Del., was at

Sacred Heart from 1952 to 1958. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Conway, pastor of St. Thomas Church, was priest of the parish here from 1933 to 1946. His nephew, the Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Reese, director of the Catholic Welfare Guild, was another of the ten from the Wilmington Diocese elevated to the monsignor rank.

● Monsignor Dwyer, 64, a native of Passaic, N. J., attended St. Bonaventure Seminary in New York and was assigned to the diocese at Wilmington immediately after his graduation in 1928.

In addition to his work as pastor of a large city church and as vicar general, he is a member of the Bishop's Advisory Board and is chairman of the diocese liturgical commission.

● Monsignor Conway, 68, attended St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and was ordained in 1924. After leaving Sacred Heart he went to Elkton, where he built a parochial school. At his present pastorate, St. Thomas, he has also built a school.

● Monsignor McGee, 60, also received his theological training at St. Mary's Seminary and was ordained in 1933. He has been a pastor since 1952. His present parish, Corpus Christi, is a large one in suburban Wilmington.

A monsignor is a priest who has been chosen for honors by the Vatican, entitling him to special dress and biretta.

The Most Rev. Michael W. Hyle, bishop of the Wilmington Diocese, will confer the honors at an investiture ceremony set tentatively for early March.

Okay Lagoon Setback

Town Clock Electrified, Repaired — Dates To 1886

Electrification of the town clock, in Stam's Hall, was accomplished last Thursday and Friday, as the Rodgers Clock Service removed counter weights and the pendulum that will no longer be needed, painted and renovated the face, and installed two electric motors in the clock works.

Replacing the old cast iron weights, estimated to weigh nearly a ton, and which endangered building tenants last August, when a cable broke, is an electric motor of 150th of one horsepower, which is now operating the clock works. A one-twelfth horsepower motor operates the striking mechanism.

The clock was installed in 1886, when the tower was erected as a part of Stam's Hall. Owner of the building at that time was Colin P. Stam, and participating in a dedication of the building were his children, one of whom, Annie H. Stam, was first to strike the bell on Wednesday, December 1, 1886.

The building is presently owned by the Chester Holding Corporation, connected with the Chester Masonic Lodge, which gave permission for the clock to be renovated. The work just completed was at a cost of \$995. In 1886 the clock cost \$800 when purchased from the E. Howard Watch and Clock Co.

An inscription on the bell, which is located in the tower above the clock, reads: "Town bell and clock, donated by citizens to adorn the tower, and endorse the enterprise of our fellow townsman in the erection of Stam's Hall; and to warn us by its solemn strokes of the flight of time and our approaching end."

The bronze bell, thirty-eight inches across, was cast by the Henry McShane and Co. Foundry of Baltimore. It will continue to be struck as before, but actuated by the electric motor which replaces the counter weights.



WOODEN HANDS on Chestertown's 80-year-old clock are manipulated by Mike Lamara last week as the ancient town time-piece was repaired and electrified. In background is B. C. Rodgers, owner of Rodgers Clock Service which did the work.

The appeal of Chestertown's Mayor and Council for a lesser setback for the proposed sewage lagoon than originally decreed by the Kent County Board of Zoning Appeal was granted under date of February 11.

The setback has been changed from a minimum of 500 feet to 200 feet "from the nearest lot line of any 'R' District." This granting of the change, however, will have no effect on the appeal filed in Circuit Court by Philip J. Skipp against any variance from the original zoning code.

The decision of February 11 resulted from a hearing on reconsideration of the January 4 decision which was held on January 15. Ernest S. Cookery appeared for the Mayor and Council and William Parsons Fennell is counsel for the Appeals Board.

The February 11th decision read in part:

"In its deliberations, which resulted in its Decision of January 2, 1965, the Board concerned itself primarily, if not exclusively, with the immediate needs of Chestertown and its surrounding area and projected needs in the near future, for adequate sewage disposal facilities. On the first page of the Decision, aforesaid, under Findings of Fact, the following language appears:

"The Board further finds that the lagoon system presently envisioned to handle the Chestertown sewage would occupy approximately one third or less of the 150 acres aforesaid, and would be based on a projected figure of population to the year 1980."

"With the foregoing in mind, the Board included in its Order of January 2, 1965, a provision that the Applicant have the lagoon set back a minimum of 500 feet of the nearest lot line of any 'R' district on the theory that the Applicant having a use for only one third or less of 150 acres, would not be prejudiced by a 500 foot set-back, and that such a set-back might serve to allay what from the evidence would appear to be unreasonable fears of odors."

"From the evidence produced at the hearing, January 15, 1965, by the Applicant, it would appear that a set-back requirement of more than 200 feet would make the cost of this project prohibitive."

"It also appears from the evidence, that should the Board relax the 500 foot set-back requirement to the 200 foot set-back, as requested, that the actual distance from the lagoon to residential properties, of the future, assuming 60 foot roads (the minimum County requirement) and 40 foot set-backs of the residential properties themselves, would make the total

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